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PROCUREMENT OF SIMULATORS FOR FIGHTER PLANES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has decided to purchase simulators for fighter planes and helicopters to bring down the number of crashes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the feasibility of such simulators has been tested; and

(d) if so, the result thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be helpful in curbing air crashes?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : Induction of simulators in Indian Air Force (IAF) is a continous process.Simulators of various aircraft like MIG-21, Jaguar, Mirage-2000, & AN-32 are already in service.

(c) The requirement of simulators for IAF is decided on case-to-case basis.

(d) The simulators help in enhancing the skill levels and in practicing emergencies and procedures in a safe environment. Training on simulators is helpful in preventing flying accidents due to error of the aircrew.